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FOREIGN MOBILE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign mobile companies particularly Chinese have started up to enter India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the consortium of Chinese mobile makers are planning a quiet entry into India with the help of a start up which propose to set up sales and service centres for different manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto keeping in view the security aspect?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (d) Foreign Mobile companies including from China may enter in India for sales of mobile handsets subject to adherence to various extant policies of the Government like Foreign Direct Investment Policy, setting up of Branch Offices or manufacturing of mobile phones etc. However, as per Foreign Trade Policy − 2009-2014, import of 'Mobile Handsets' without International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) No. or with all Zeroes IMEI and ' CDMA mobile phones' without Electronic Serial Number (ESN) / Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID) or with all Zeroes as ESN / MEID are prohibited.